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SALISBURY  
STATE  
COLLEGE

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1979  
SOCCER  
GUIDE

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1st Place '78 Apprentice School Tournament, 2nd Place  
'78 Christopher Newport Tournament, 3rd Place '79  
Salisbury Indoor Tournament

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# WHY? SSC

Like all NCAA Division III institutions, Salisbury State does not supply direct athletic scholarship assistance to its student-athletes. Why then, should an outstanding high school prospect select SSC over another institution which may offer him some form of athletic grant?

There are several reasons:

(1) Many so-called soccer scholarships are illusory or misleading. Some are contingent upon performance from year to year. Others are need-based scholarships in disguise—the kind of financial assistance that any school, including SSC, can provide. Some partial scholarships cover only a small portion of a school's costs and the "bottom line" may be considerably more expensive than Salisbury's.

(2) Salisbury State has perhaps the finest athletic facilities and support services of any institution its size in the country. The two-year old Benn Maggs Physical Center and a soon-to-be-completed outdoor field complex highlight the college's resources. A full-time certified athletic trainer and a staff of seven student assistant trainers provide unequalled medical support housed in a fully equipped, ultra-modern training room. The scope and excellence of Salisbury's athletic resources cannot be appreciated without a personal visit to campus.

(3) We play organized soccer year-round. In addition to a full complement of varsity and JV games in the fall season, the team plays three nights a week indoors and participates in collegiate tournaments throughout the East Coast during the indoor season. New in 1980 will be small-field eight-a-side outdoor competition against local clubs and collegiate teams in the spring.

(4) The best reason for picking Salisbury State is the college itself. We're a youthful, energetic institution of about 3000 students with a wide variety of academic program offerings.

And being located on the hospitable Eastern Shore, just a half hour from Ocean City, doesn't hurt either.

## PROSPECTUS

Salisbury's 1979 soccer team is a curious blend of youth and experience. The team has but two seniors among its 20-man varsity cadre. However, only two or three freshmen have emerged from pre-season practice with enough polish to figure in the team's immediate plans.

The heart of the team, and much of its hopes for success, lie with returning co-captains Joe Lazzati and Vane Wiggins. Lazzati, a junior, was the team's leading scorer and playmaker at center halfback in 1978. Wiggins has started every game in his college career at SSC and should have a productive and rewarding senior year as an offensive-minded fullback. Both Vane and Joe captured all-tournament honors in the Christopher Newport Tournament, the Apprentice School Tournament and the SSC Indoor Tournament and should be candidates for post-season honors in the newly-revised Division III selections.

A major task facing the team will be the reconstruction of a defense which lost three fullbacks and two goalkeepers to graduation and attrition in 1978. Paul

Zimmerman, a sophomore with JV and indoor season experience, should develop into a top-flight college goalkeeper. Converted forward Phil Reeder is a promising back-up. In the back four, two veterans who played forward positions in 1978 have been converted to fullback. Mark Smith and Sandor Fodor, both juniors, appear to have found new homes at right back and sweeper respectively. They'll be joined by Nick Chamberlain, a junior who played both midfield and back in 1978 and Mark Meredith, a sophomore who played extensively in the back four last season as the Gulls won six of their final seven games. Also expected to see considerable action are seniors Gene Adkins, a three-year regular who has played every position but goal, freshman Kent Miles and transfer Mike Dunn.

Midfielders Allan Brewer and Dean Wampler showed scoring potential in 1978 and should team with Lazzati to form a productive midfield array. They'll be joined by aggressive junior Jeff Dorman and a promising, though presently injured freshman, Gary Hancock. J.T. Custis and Jeff Greene, both tremendously improved after a year at the JV level, should provide depth at both midfield and forward.

Up front, the team is counting on 1978's leading goalscorer, sophomore Behzad Rassolee, and Jeff Thompson, a clever playmaker. Troy Tatman, a first team All-State selection in high school, should complement the attack.

The 1979 schedule consists of mostly Division III opponents, among them perennial NCAA tournament contenders Lynchburg, Trenton State and Glassboro. The Gulls may also meet Pennsylvania powerhouse Moravian, pending the outcome of first round games in the first annual Pepsi Cola Sea Gull Classic. Severe tests for the Gulls will also come from always strong UMBC as well as traditional rivals Towson, Catholic, St. Mary's, Mt. St. Mary's, Rutgers-Camden and Millersville.

## 1979 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Sept. 12 15-16	Trenton State SSC Tournament Western Maryland Moravian Christopher Newport	Away Home
22	Catholic University	Home
28	Mary Washington	Home
30	York College	Away
Oct. 2	Stockton State	Away
6	Mt. St. Mary's College	Home
10	Millersville	Home
13	Lynchburg College	Home
16	Rutgers-Camden	Away
20	St. Mary's	Home
24	UMBC	Home
27	Towson State	Away
31	Glassboro State	Away
Nov. 10-11	Newport News Tourney	Away

## RECORDS 1978 RESULTS

Opponent	W-L	Score	Scoring
*Christopher Newport	W	2-0	Wiggins, Thompson
*So. Maine	L	0-1	Dorman
Trenton State	T	1-1	Rassolee
Catholic Univ.	L	1-2	Rassolee
U. of Baltimore	L	1-3	Rassolee
George Mason	L	0-3	Wiggins,
York College	T	3-3	Rassolee, Lackey
Stockton State	W	4-0	Brewer (2), Adkins, Wampler
Mt. St. Mary's	L	0-4	Lazzati, Smith
Millersville State	L	0-3	Wampler
Rutgers-Camden	W	2-0	Rassolee, Smith
St. Mary's	W	1-0	Rassolee, Fodor
UMBC	W	2-1	Lazzati, Wampler
Towson State	W	4-1	Rassolee, Fodor, Lazzati, Wampler
Glassboro State	L	1-3	Lazzati, Wiggins, Brewer
**Va. Commonwealth	W	4-0	McGinness, Wampler
**Hampton Roads	W	3-1	Wiggins, Fodor, Brewer

FINAL RECORD: 8-7-2

\*Christopher Newport Tournament  
\*\*Newport News Tournament

## FLASH FACTS

AFFILIATION . . . . .	NCAA Division III
NICKNAME . . . . .	Sea Gulls
COLORS . . . . .	Maroon and Gold
PRESIDENT . . . . .	Dr. Norman C. Crawford, Jr.
CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS . . . . .	Dr. K. Nelson Butler
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR . . . . .	Deanne DeShon
HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER . . . . .	Hunter Smith
HEAD SOCCER COACH . . . . .	Dr. Keith J. Connors (301-546-3261 ext. 320, home 301-546-2988)

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# COACHES

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## HEAD COACH

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**KEITH CONNERS** — Head coach Keith Conners begins his fourth year at Salisbury. The Hempstead, New York native serves as assistant professor in the Department of Leisure Studies and the Department of Physical Education and Health. He graduated from Middlebury College where he was named to the 1968 All-American soccer team. While at Middlebury, he captained the first American soccer team to compete behind the Iron Curtain.

After college, Conners joined the faculty of Saratoga Springs (N.Y.) High School as a foreign language teacher and coach before moving on to full-time graduate study at the University of Connecticut. While completing his M.A., and Ph.D. degrees, he also served as assistant coach of the nationally ranked UCONN soccer teams of 1972-75.

Keith, his wife Carolyn and their two children Bruce (4) and Pam (1 1/2) live in Salisbury and never miss a game.

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## ASSISTANT COACHES

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**GERRY DIBARTOLO** — A native Baltimorean, Gerry DiBartolo joins the Salisbury State College faculty as an instructor in the Department of Business Administration and Economics in 1979. A graduate of Archbishop Curley H.S., he captained the Frostburg State College varsity and later coached at his alma mater while completing his master's degree in management.

**STEVE DEMPSEY** — Loch Raven H.S. and Loyola College alumnus Steve Dempsey joins the Sea Gull Staff in 1979 after four years as a key performer for the Greyhounds from 1975-78. Steve was a member of the 1976 Division II national championship team at Loyola and has played against some of the best collegiate competition in the U.S.

**TIM RAMIA** — After four shutouts as varsity goal keeper for Salisbury in 1978, Tim Ramia will serve as goal-keeper coach this season. His three years experience under Coach Conners and his indomitable spirit should ensure rapid development in the team's young keepers.



# FINAL STATISTICS

## SCORING

Name	Goals	Assists	Points
Joe Lazzati	3	7	10
Behzad Rassolee	5	2	7
Allen Brewer	4	3	7
Dean Wampler	4	2	6
Sandor Fodor	2	4	6
Vane Wiggins	4	0	4
Mark Smith	2	2	4
Gene Adkins	1	1	2
Bill McGinness	1	1	2
Jeff Dorman	1	0	1
Wayne Lackey	1	0	1
Jeff Thompson	1	0	1
Chip Bradley	0	1	1
Bob O'Meara	0	1	1
Phil Reeder	0	1	1
Johnny Taylor	0	1	1

## GOALTENDING

Name	SHO	Games	Saves	Min.	Goals Against
Ramia	4	12	72	880	13
Lloyd	1	9	62	680	12
Zimmerman	0	1	0	10	1

## 1979 ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CL.	HOMETOWN
6	Adkins, Gene	M	Sr.	Marion
	Bragg, Charles	L	Fr.	Pocomoke
9	Brewer, Alan	L	So.	St. Michaels
2	Chamberlain, Nick	B	Jr.	Pocomoke
13	Custis, John	B	So.	Marion
8	Dorman, Jeff	B	Jr.	Pocomoke
20	Dunn, Mike	B	So.	Northeast
3	Fodor, Sandor	B	So.	Snow Hill
16	Greene, Jeff	L	So.	Cambridge
19	Hancock, Gary	B	Fr.	Pocomoke
22	Jones, Steve	L	Jr.	Forest Hill
5	Lazzati, Joe	B	Jr.	Boring
	Lister, Gary	B	Fr.	Wilmington, Del.
17	Meredith, Mark	B	So.	Salisbury
4	Miles, Kent	F	Fr.	Pocomoke
	Mullis, Vance	L	Fr.	Salisbury
7	Rassolee, Behzad	F	So.	Beltsville
1	Reeder, Phil	F	So.	Glen Burnie
	Roys, Dan	B	Fr.	Camp Springs
15	Smith, Mark	C	So.	St. Leonard
	Superl, Bob	L	Fr.	Waldorf
12	Tatman, Troy	L	Fr.	Elkton
14	Thompson, Jeff	F	So.	Bowie
11	Wampler, Dean	F	Jr.	Salisbury
10	Wiggins, Vane	F	Sr.	Salisbury
1	Zimmerman, Paul	G	So.	Pasadena